

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 5875–5884; and 12 resolutions, H. Res. 1134–1145 were introduced. **Pages H2657–58**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2658–59**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
Supplemental report on H.R. 2830, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008 (H. Rept. 110–338, Pt. 4). **Page H2657**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Baldwin to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2656**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Akiva Males, Keshar Israel Congregation, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. **Page H2656**

Discharge Petition: Representative Fossella moved to discharge the Committee on the Judiciary and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence from the consideration of H.R. 5440, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence (Discharge Petition No. 7).

Clerk to Correct Authority: Agreed by unanimous consent that in the engrossment of H.R. 2634, the Clerk be directed to execute the second instruction in the amendment conveyed by the motion to recommit as though it read “all that follows on that line” rather than “all that follows”. **Pages H2559–61**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Alonzo Woodruff Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5479, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 North Kidd Street in Ionia, Michigan, as the “Alonzo Woodruff Post Office Building”; **Pages H2561–62**

Rocky Marciano Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5528, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Commercial Street in Brockton, Massachusetts, as the “Rocky Marciano Post Office Building”; **Pages H2562–63**

Private First Class David H. Sharrett II Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5483, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10449 White Granite Drive in Oakton, Virginia, as the “Private First Class David H. Sharrett II Post Office Building”; **Pages H2563–64**

Marisol Heredia Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4185, to designate the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 11151 Valley Boulevard in El Monte, California, as the “Marisol Heredia Post Office Building”; **Pages H2564–65**

Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of William F. Buckley, Jr.: H. Res. 1016, amended, to express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of William F. Buckley, Jr.; **Pages H2565–68**

Marine Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3721, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1190 Lorena Road in Lorena, Texas, as the “Marine Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry Post Office Building”; **Pages H2568–69**

Contractors and Federal Spending Accountability Act of 2007: H.R. 3033, amended, to improve Federal agency awards and oversight of contracts and assistance and to strengthen accountability of the Government-wide suspension and debarment system; **Pages H2569–72**

Close the Contractor Fraud Loophole Act: H.R. 5712, amended, to require disclosure by Federal contractors of certain violations relating to the award or performance of Federal contracts; and **Pages H2572–74**

Government Contractor Accountability Act of 2007: H.R. 3928, amended, to require certain large government contractors that receive more than 80 percent of their annual gross revenue from Federal contracts to disclose the names and salaries of their most highly compensated officers. **Pages H2574–77**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to require certain recipients of Federal funds to disclose the names and total compensation of their most highly compensated officers, and for other purpose.”. **Page H2577**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Sessions motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 57 yeas to 345 nays, Roll No. 208. **Pages H2593–94**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, April 22nd:

Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008: H.R. 5613, amended, to extend certain moratoria and impose additional moratoria on certain Medicaid regulations through April 1, 2009, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 349 yeas to 62 nays, Roll No. 209 and **Page H2596**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To extend certain moratoria and impose additional moratoria on certain Medicaid regulations through April 1, 2009, and for other purposes." **Page H2596**

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel: H. Con. Res. 322, to recognize the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and to reaffirm the bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 210. **Pages H2596–97**

SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act: The House passed H.R. 5819, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program, by a recorded vote of 368 ayes to 43 noes, Roll No. 217. **Pages H2599–H2628**

Rejected the Heller (NV) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Small Business with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 216. **Pages H2625–28**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H2607**

Agreed by unanimous consent that the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting under clause 6 of rule 18 and clauses 8 and 9 of rule 20. **Page H2599**

Accepted:

Boswell amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–603) that gives priority to applications from companies located in areas that have lost a major source of employment; **Pages H2612–13**

Ehlers amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–603) that strikes section 102—doing so leaves the current set-asides for SBIR and STTR unchanged; **Pages H2613–14**

Sestak amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–603) that notifies an applicant to the SBIR and STTR programs, who is not successful in receiving an award, that the applicant can request an explanation of why the applicant did not receive the award; **Page H2614**

Giffords amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–603) that mandates that SBIR awardees must be entities with their primary business operations in the United States; **Pages H2615–16**

Graves amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 110–603) that strikes and replaces Title II, regarding venture capital investment standards; **Pages H2616–18**

Matsui amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–603) that adds business incubators as eligible for the partnerships with SBIR awardees that are required by section 404. The amendment also defines the term "business incubators" for this purpose; **Page H2618**

Sutton amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 110–603) that provides that veterans will be given priority when applying for SBIR and STTR awards; **Pages H2618–19**

Sutton amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 110–603) that requires agencies that administer SBIR programs to give special consideration to pressing transportation and infrastructure research activities, as identified by reports issued by the Department of Transportation and National Academy of Sciences; **Pages H2619–20**

Barrow amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 110–603) that establishes a pilot program to make grants to minority institutions that partner with nonprofit organizations that have experience developing relationships between industry, minority institutions, and other entities; **Page H2620**

Velázquez amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 110–603) that allows the Administrator of the SBA to view favorably FAST grant applicants that use accredited SBDC's in determining the award of a FAST grant; **Page H2621**

Gillibrand amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 110–603) that requires a veteran small-business owner must be at least one of the people appointed to the advisory board overseeing the Small Business Innovation Research Program Grants; **Pages H2621–22**

Velázquez amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 110–603) that requires the Small Business Administration to consult with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop an outreach program to publicize the Small Business Innovation Research program to veterans returning from service and encourage veterans with appropriate technical skills to apply for SBIR grants; **Page H2622**

Matheson amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–603) that gives priority to small businesses and organizations, in the awarding of SBIR, STTR, and FAST grants, that are making significant contributions towards energy efficiency, including those that are making efforts to reduce their carbon footprint or are carbon neutral (by a recorded vote of 355 ayes to 48 noes, Roll No. 213); **Pages H2614–15, H2623–24**

Capito amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 110–603) that changes section 104, regarding the

SBIR Advisory Board. It adds small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans to the groups to be targeted by the board to make applications for SBIR grants (by a recorded vote of 405 ayes with none voting “no,” Roll No. 214); and

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Foster amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 110–603) that requires SBIR awardees to be owned and controlled by at least one individual, or a business concern owned and controlled by individuals, who are citizens of, or permanent resident aliens in, the United States. Any applicant found knowingly hiring, recruiting, or referring for a fee, an unauthorized alien shall not be eligible for the receipt of future awards (by a recorded vote of 406 ayes with none voting “no” and 3 voting “present,” Roll No. 215).

Pages H2622–23, H2625

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 1125, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 212, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 211.

Pages H2577–86, H2597–98

Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 2830, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008, by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 219, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 218.

Pages H2586–93, H2594–95, H2628–29

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2595.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six ye-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2593, H2596, H2596–97, H2597–98, H2598, H2623–24, H2624–25, H2625, H2627–28, H2628, H2628–29, and H2829. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NSA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense/Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on the National Security Agency. Testimony was heard from Keith B. Alexander, Director, NSA.

SECTION 8 HOUSING PROGRAM CHALLENGES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development—Status of Project-Based Section 8 Program. Testimony was heard from Brian Montgomery, Assistant Secretary, Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

RESERVES’ DENTAL SERVICES READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on challenges associated with achieving full dental readiness in the reserve component. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: COL Gary Martin, DDS, USAF, Chief, Dental Care Branch TRICARE Management Activity; COL Mark Bodenheimer, DDS, USA, Chief, Reserve Component Mobilization and Demobilization Operations, U.S. Army Dental Command; CPT Kerry Krause, DDS, USN, Reserve Affairs Officer, U.S. Navy Dental Corps; COL Deborah L. Hart, DDS, USAF, Mobilization Assistant to the Air Force Assistant Surgeon General, Dental Services, Office of the Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force; and COL David B. Sproat, M.D., USA, Chief Surgeon, Army National Guard.

IMPROVING WORKPLACE SAFETY

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Improving Workplace Safety: Strengthening OSHA Enforcement of Multi-Site Employers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEALTH MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1343, amended, Health Centers Renewal Act of 2007; H.R. 5669, Poison Center Support, Enhancement, and Awareness Act of 2008; H.R. 1553, amended, Conquer Childhood Cancer Act of 2007; and H.R. 3112, amended, Prenatally Diagnosed Condition Awareness Act of 2007.

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION ACT; EMERGENCY MORTGAGE LOAN MODIFICATION ACT; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5818, Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008; and H.R. 5579, Emergency Mortgage Loan Modification Act of 2008.